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SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST OUTSIDE SECTION DIRECTED LINGCOD FISHERY CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the directed commercial fishery for lingcod will close in the entire Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section at 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 19, 2012. The directed fishery allocation for lingcod in the CSEO Section is 86,400 round pounds. Over 79,000 round pounds have been landed and it is estimated that the remainder of the quota will be taken by the time of the closure.

The directed lingcod fishery in the Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section closed on June 8, 2012. The directed lingcod fishery remains open in the Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector. This area will remain open until the allocation is taken or November 30, 2012, whichever occurs first. Lingcod catch will be closely monitored and fishermen are advised that closures may occur on short notice. Area closures will be announced by news release and on the United States Coast Guard "Notice to Mariners" report and the National Weather Service marine broadcast.

Updates of area closures for all lingcod fisheries will be available on the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882. For additional information on the directed lingcod fishery, refer to the news release issued on April 23, 2012.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G1212.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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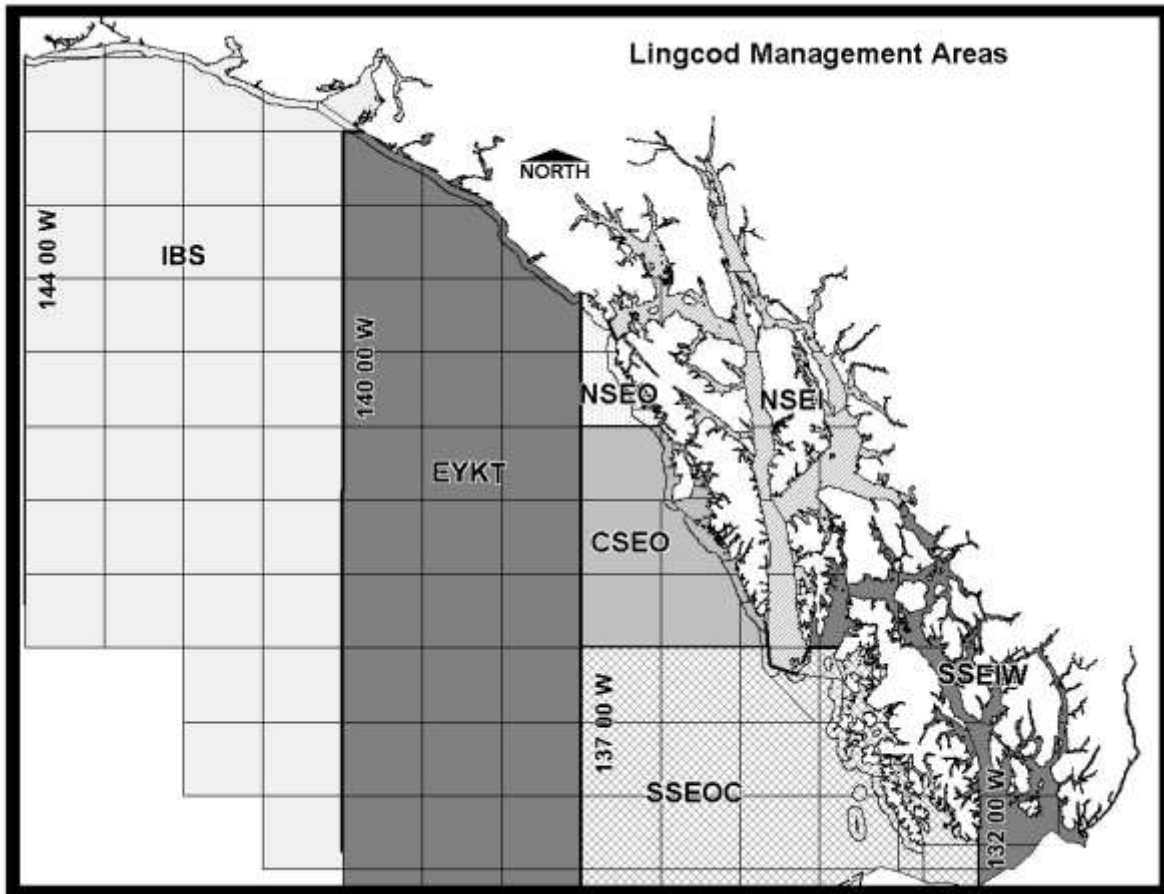


Figure 1. Southeast Alaska Lingcod Management Areas.

This map is for general reference only. For detailed descriptions of Lingcod Management Area boundaries, refer to 5AAC 28.105.